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SUBJ: FINAL COMMUNIQUE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT

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1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS STANDARD PART OF ROMANIAN PANOPLY FOR IMPORTANT VISITS WITH THE FEELING THAT THE LONGER THE BETTER. ONLY RECENT EXCEPTION OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WAS MACOVESCU'S VISIT TO ISRAEL. (TEL AVIV 5276). ASIDE FROM THE ELEMENT OF COURTESY TOWARD ONE'S HOST, WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGES FOR OURSELVES IN HAVING A COMMUNIQUE. OUR REASONING IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. WE SEE PRIME ADVANTAGE IN SECRETARY'S VISIT AS BEING PSYCHOLOGICAL BY CONVEYING THROUGH HIS PRESENCE AND THE TOPICS HE DISCUSSES THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO THE RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT ROLE PLAYED BY ROMANIA AS WELL AS THE RELATIVELY REASONABLE ROMANIAN POSITION ON A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. SOME OF THESE ARE PROBLEMS IN WHICH THE US HAS VITAL INTERESTS, E.G. THE FABRIC OF DETENTE AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. IN THIS CONTEXT WE BELIEVE A COMMUNIQUE COULD SYMBOLIZE THE ADVANTAGES AND POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN LARGE AND SMALLER COUNTRIES DESPITE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, A POINT AS MUCH IN OUR INTEREST TO PROMOTE AS FOR THE ROMANIANS. IN ADDITION, A COMMUNIQUE COULD BE USED TO

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ADVANTAGE TO SIGNAL NEW POSSIBILITIES IN THE DEVELOPING

US-ROMANIAN RELWHIONSHIP (E.G., COLLABORATION IN SUCH NEW
FIELDS AS ENERGY AND SPACE).

4. WITH RESPECT TO LENGTH AND STYLE WE THINK THE COMMUNIQUE
OUGHT TO BE BRIEF AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. IT SHOULD LIST THE
SPECIFIC TOPICS DISCUSSED AND, WHERE USEFUL IN TERMS OF
US TACTICS, SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE A SENTENCE OR TWO OF
COMMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

5. IN BILATERAL CONTEXT, ASIDE FROM UNDERSCORING THE
GROWING
MOMENTUM IN TRADE, THE COMMUNIQUE COULD INCLUDE AN
AGREEMENT FOR PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS AT A SENIOR LEVEL
(E.G., ANNUAL DISCUSSIONS AT THE LEVEL OF DEPUTY OR UNDER
SECRETARY AND DEPUTY MINISTER), AND AN INVITATION TO MACOVESCU
(ASIDE FROM A UNGA-CONNECTED VISIT). FINALLY, GIVEN
ROMANIA'S TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO MFN, AN
ADMINISTRATION COMMITMENT TO WORK FOR MFN FOR ROMANIA OUGHT
TO BE REAFFIRMED.
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